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TAGS: PFOR, BU, NATO

SUBJECT: ZHIVKOV ON NATO MACHINATIONS IN THE BALKANS

REF: SOFIA 1380

1. MY BRITISH COLLEAGUE HAS ALREADY ACTED IN THE SPIRIT OF  
RECOMMENDATION IN PARAS 6 AND 7 REFTL. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF  
FAREWELL CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER MLADENOV JULY 5, AND AFTER  
ASKING WHETHER HE "COULD SPEAK FRANKLY", HE REMARKED THAT IT  
WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT THERE IS A LACK OF CONFIDENCE BETWEEN  
THE TWO SIDES, AND IN THIS RESPECT ZHIVKOV'S SPEECH IN  
BERLIN HADN'T HELPED. ASKED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, AMB BOLLAND  
REFERRED TO ZHIVKOV'S REMARKS ABOUT "REPRESSION" IN NORTHERN  
IRELAND, WHICH COULD ONLY HAVE MEANT THE BRITISH GOVT WHICH  
IN ACTUAL FACT IS TRYING TO PREVENT PEOPLE KILLING EACH  
OTHER THERE; AND HE WENT ON TO STATE THAT ZHIVKOV'S  
REMARK ABOUT NATO ATTEMPTING TO DISTRUB GOOD RELATIONS  
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IN THE BALKANS WAS "SIMPLY NOT TRUE." MLADENOV

TR ID TO CLAIM ZHIVKOV WAS REFERRING TO  
"CERTAIN MILITARIST CIRCLES" IN NATO BUT BOLLAND SAID  
THE REFERENCE HAD BEEN CLEARLY TO NATO ITSELF AND WAS  
NOT TRUE.

2. AS REPORTED HERE, THE PASSAGE IN ZHIVKOV'S EAST  
BERLIN SPEECH RELATING TO NATO WAS AS FOLLOWS: QTE  
WE ATTACH PARTICULARLY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BULGARIA'S  
RELATIONS WITH THE NEIGHBORING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES,  
CONSIDERING THE COOPERATION WITH THEM A PARAMOUNT FACTOR  
OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE BALKANS. THE CONTACTS OF  
OUR COUNTRY WITH GREECE AND TURKEY ARE MARKED BY MUTUAL  
TRUST, BY STABLE PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELA-  
TIONS. HERE TOO, NATO AND THE MAOISTS ARE TRYING TO  
STIR UP AND USE TO THEIR INTERESTS THE EXISTING DIFFER-  
ENCES AMONG THE COUNTRIES. UNQTE

3. THIS MESSAGE NOT BEING REPEATED TO LONDON BECAUSE MY  
BRITISH COLLEAGUE IS REPORTING HIS CONVERSATION BY POUCH  
LEAVING HERE EVENING JULY 6, AND HE HAS ASKED TO BE "PRO-  
TECTED" WITH INFORMATION IN PARA 1 FOR A DAY OR TWO, TO  
AVOID HAVING FOREIGN OFFICE HEARING ABOUT HIS DEMARCHE  
FROM US BEFORE THEY HAVE HIS OWN REPORT ABOUT IT.  
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